***Good News***

***Nelson County Schools***

***January 2015***

**BES:**BES was recently featured in the Kentucky Standard for our day of coding. It was exciting to see students so engaged in learning with technology.

**BMS:**Three Bloomfield Middle School Teachers have made the commitment to pursue a National Board Certification. Susie Pozgay, Lorie Miller, and Jennifer Logsdon are working towards the National Board certification. Nelson County Schools provides approximately $40,000 annually as a result and in support of teacher professional development in this fashion.

**Boston:**Both Teaching Art Together grants were funded for the spring. Beginning in February, we will be able to host a visiting artist Carla Gover who will teach dance to our students. In March, we will host Octavia Sexton, performing artist and storyteller artist who will work with our students to create a piece of writing.

**Cox’s Creek:**We have four teachers enrolled to work on their National Board Certifications.

We were awarded the Artist in Residence Grant. We have an artist that will be joining us in February to teach dance to our students and workshops for our teachers.

**New Haven:**New Haven staff and students collected several boxes of canned food and non-perishable items for those in need over the holiday season. New Haven Rolling Fork Fire Department distributed the items to those in need.

**NCHS:**The NCHS FFA Christmas parade float depicting a traditional farm Christmas placed 2nd in this year’s Christmas parade in the non-profit organization category.

-The Nelson County Agriculture Department was the recipient of a $2250 Kentucky Agriculture Achiever grant from the Kentucky FFA Foundation. This grant will goes towards the purchase of LabQuest scientific data collection instruments and sensors.

-Savanna Hill, a freshmen in the NCHS Agriculture Department was awarded a $400 grant from the Kentucky Livestock Grant Program. This money will be utilized by Savanna to purchase a breeding heifer for her Supervised Agriculture Experience Program.

**TNHS:**
Thomas Nelson High School celebrates with band students from Bloomfield, Boston and New Haven were selected to participate in the 46th annual Eastern Kentucky Middle School Honor Band. Several students were selected to perform in the top honors band. Marissa Keith (New Haven) was selected as 1st Bassoon in the top honors band.

The Thomas Nelson Cheerleaders took 1st place in small division at the KAPOS Open State Competition!